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Families can lace up for Walk to School Day Wednesday, Oct. 15

TEMPE, Ariz.- Thousands of children and parents will take part in Tempe's 10th annual Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Students and parents at participating Tempe schools will take to the sidewalks between 6:30 and 8:15 a.m. to promote community involvement and a healthier environment. Children, their families, neighbors and school staff are encouraged to bike and walk for their health, for the health and safety of their communities and for the fun of it.

The event is an important component of the city of Tempe's Safe Routes to School program, which unites communities toward the common goal of establishing and maintaining safe, active and healthy lifestyles for children and safer, healthier communities for everyone. In addition to promoting walking, schools will be encouraging all alternative modes including bicycling, skating, carpooling and riding transit.

All participating children will receive free breakfast and a giveaway for walking. Each school will receive a tree to demonstrate how trees make walking more pleasant and help the environment.

Walk to School Day celebration activities will be held at the following schools:

- Aguilar Elementary (5800 S. Forest Ave., Tempe) at 8:20 a.m.
- Broadmor Elementary (311 E. Aepli Drive, Tempe) at 8:20 a.m.
- Bustoz Elementary (2020 W. Carson Drive, Tempe) at 7:55 a.m.
- Connolly Middle (2002 E. Concorda Drive, Tempe) at 6:55 a.m.

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- Fuller Elementary (1975 E. Cornell Drive, Tempe) at 7:50 a.m.
- Holdeman Elementary (1326 W. 18th Street, Tempe) at 8:20 a.m.
- Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary (50 E. Knox Road, Tempe) at 7:10 a.m.
- Kyrene del Norte (1331 E. Redfield Road, Tempe) at 7:10 a.m.
- Laird Elementary (1500 N. Scovel St., Tempe) at 8:15 a.m.
- Meyer Elementary (2615 S. Dorsey Ln., Tempe) at 7:55 a.m.
- Rover Elementary (1300 E. Watson Drive, Tempe) at 7:55 a.m.
- Scales Technology Academy (1115 W. 5th Street, Tempe) at 7:55 a.m.
- Thew Elementary (2130 E. Howe Ave., Tempe) at 8:25 a.m.
- Wood Elementary (727 W. Cornell Drive, Tempe) at 8:20 a.m.

Sponsors who support Walk to School Day include Tempe Elementary School District #3, Kyrene School District 28, IKEA, Tempe Bicycle Action Group and Tempe in Motion.

For more information on Walk to School Day and a list of participating schools, call Tempe in Motion, at (480) 350-2775 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.